

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on March 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. James O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary  
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 558, 3/8/2017; HB 574, 3/8/2017

00:00:01 Vice Chair Flynn assumed the Chair

**HEARING ON HB 558**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:24 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 558, Revise tax rates to mitigate reappraisal.

[EXHIBIT\(tah52a01\)](#)

00:01:55 Rep. Kipp III joined the meeting

00:07:04 Rep. B. Smith joined the meeting

**Proponents:**

00:08:20 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:10:25 Rep. Essmann, Self

00:14:09 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

**Opponents:**

00:15:35 Director Mike Kadas, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:22:01 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (Montax)

[EXHIBIT\(tah52a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah52a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah52a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah52a05\)](#)

00:41:30 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Informational Witnesses:**

00:43:08 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:25 Rep. White

00:44:14 Rep. G. Hertz

00:44:36 Ed Caplis, DOR

00:45:17 Rep. Dunwell

00:47:13 Director Mike Kadas, DOR

00:47:46 Rep. Dunwell

00:48:57 Eric Bryson, MACo

00:49:08 Rep. Fern

00:50:25 Director Mike Kadas, DOR

00:51:07 Rep. White

00:52:16 Bob Story, Montax

00:53:38 Rep. Hamilton

00:55:39 Director Mike Kadas, DOR

00:56:39 Vice Chair Flynn

00:57:05 Ed Caplis, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:57:47 Rep. G. Hertz

**HEARING ON HB 574**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:02:23 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 574, Allow business deductions for expenses reduced by federal credits.

**Proponents:**

01:04:13 George Olsen, Montana Society of CPAs (MSCPA)  
01:12:10 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)  
01:13:05 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (Montax)  
01:14:13 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

**Opponents:**

01:14:54 Director Mike Kadas, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Informational Witnesses:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:15:55 Rep. G. Hertz

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:29:02

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Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah52aad.pdf](#))